

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3256
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Crash of Surveillance Plane
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any surveillance plane crashed in Pokhran area of the Thar desert, Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details and the losses suffered as a result thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Five "Nishant" Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) have crashed in Pokhran and Jaisalmer area of Rajasthan during the period 18th November, 2013 to 19th November, 2015 resulting in damage of varying degree to airframe / fuselage / engine / payload.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
